**Export and Import of Electronic Goods**

1417. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the value and quantity of export or import of electronic goods during the last three years, yearwise;

(b) the main items which were exported or imported; and

(c) the balance of trade on this account?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The value-wise details of exports, imports and balance of trade in respect of electronic goods during each of the last three years are as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

| Year | Exports | Imports | Balance of trade |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1992-93 | 61606 | 257290 | (—) 195684 |
| 1993-94 | 95112 | 288625 | (—)193513 |
| 1994-95 | 127330 | 346095 | (—)218765 (Source: DGCI&S) |

The quantity of exports and imports of electronic goods is not compiled by DGCI&S. The major items of export were: Television (B/W) Colour), Video Casettes (Blank, Recorded), Clocks, Wateches, Audio Cassettes (Blank, Recorded), Pagers, Telephone sets, Ultra sound scanners, Automatic Test Equipment, Picture tubes (B/W, Colour), Computer systems etc. The major items of import were Cathod-Ray TV picture tubes, other semi-conductor devices, Surgical Zoom, Microscope, Electro-Cardiographs, X-Ray Generators, X-Ray, Tubes, Thermostats, etc.

**Incidence of Poverty**

1418. DR. B. B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the incidence of poverty based on the 48th Round of the National Sample Survey;

(b) how these compare with earlier available estimate; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to alleviate poverty especially in the NE Region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) and (b) The latest estimate on number and proportion of people living below poverty line are available for the year 1987-88 based on the quinquennial 43rd round survey of national Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) Comparable estimates for the 48th round of survey are not available. The next quinquennial survey relates to the year 1993-94 (50th round). Tabulation of the survey results is in progress.

(c) Anumber of programmes are being implemented in order to improve the quality and life of the poor households. Of these, Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP). Training of Rural Youth for Self Employment (TRYSEM). Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA): Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY). Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS). Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP) and Desert Development Programme (DDP) are being continued.

Three new Centrally Sponsored Schemes. Universalisation of Integrated Child Development System (ICDS), Community Nutrition Centre and Indira Mahila Yojana are to be introduced shortly.